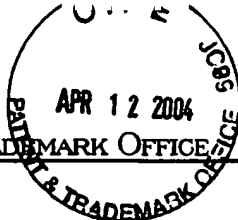




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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this reissue application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
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The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Additional claim fees of \$86 as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$216 for a Large Entity

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- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$86
 - \$86 for 8 independent claims over the original patent.

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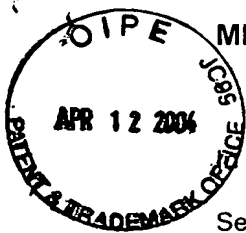
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Dear Sir:

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Charge the \$130.00 late oath or declaration surcharge for this Response to Account No. 02-1440. This is also a request to charge for any additional extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid.

A duplicate copy of this response is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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